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## PREFACE

It is with sadness that I must record the death in 1978, after a long illness bravely borne, of Mr. Philip Asterley Jones, one of the two progenitors of this book. I learnt a great deal from Philip's wisdom and experience during my collaboration with him in preparing the previous edition. My debt to him is inestimable and I can only hope that this edition does not fall far short of the standards which he and Professor Sir Rupert Cross set in earlier editions.

As in the past, this continues to be essentially a first book on criminal law. I have had in mind the syllabuses both for degree courses and for professional examinations. Most of the work is devoted to the substantive criminal law of England and Wales, but Chapters 20-24 provide an outline of the court system and procedure to the extent that it is required to understand the substantive law. Changes in the law have resulted in this edition being slightly longer than its predecessor. The greatest expansion has been in the chapters on offences against property and in the chapter on inchoate offences.

I wish to thank my wife for the many hours which she spent in reading the proofs. I also wish to thank my colleagues, Mr. Peter Schofield and Mrs. Patricia Leopold, who read a substantial number of the chapters, for their comments. For the imperfections which remain in spite of this help, I am solely responsible. Finally, I also thank the publishers, not only for compiling the tables of cases and statutes and the index, but also for their positive guidance at various stages in the preparation of this book.

I have tried to summarise and explain the law as it was on 1st November 1979, although by footnotes inserted in proof I have been able to indicate a number of cases reported up to 31st January 1980. Unfortunately, the Law Commission's Report on Offences Interfering with the Course of Justice and the Report of the Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship were published after the manuscript had been submitted, but I have managed to make

references to these reports, normally in the footnotes, in the relevant parts of this book.

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